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Serving Washtenaw County, Canton and Plymouth

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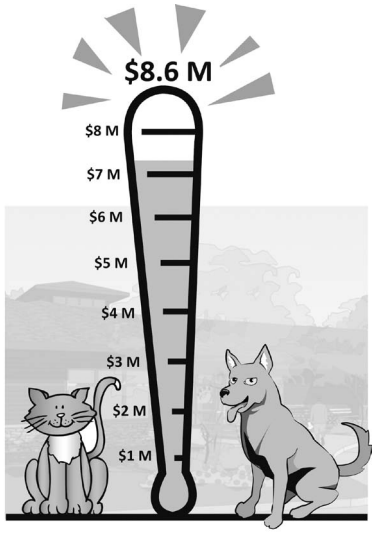
The mission of the Humane Society of Huron Valley is to support the loving, responsible care of all animals in our community.

HSHV serves all of Washtenaw County, providing:

- Shelter and care for stray and unwanted animals
- Adoption of companion animals
- Full-service veterinary clinic, including low-cost spay and neuter services
- 24-hour rescue of injured animals
- Cruelty investigations
- Microchip ID
- Trap, Neuter & Return (TNR) for feral cats
- Owner-requested euthanasia
- Harbor program
- Community outreach and education
- Behavior Helpline

Don't Miss Your Chance to be a Part of History!

Although desperately and anxiously anticipated, we still can hardly believe our eyes. Since September, we've watched a new animal care facility rise out of the ground—overseen by the steady hands of volunteer Owner's Representative Bob Martel, our architects at A3C, and Phoenix Contractors.



The Campaign, aptly named Unleash the Possibilities, will allow HSHV to replace our crumbling 60 year old facility and reach great new heights in animal care, life-saving programs, customer service and environmentally-friendly sheltering.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the community, the support of Washtenaw County government, the Matthaei family, and the hard work of our Capital Campaign Committee, we have raised a little over $7 million to date with about $1.6 million left to go.

We still need you to help get us to the finish line! If you have not yet made a gift, please consider joining this critical and historic campaign. Please go to HSHV.org or call Deb or Tanya at (734) 662-5585 to learn more about our vision, ways to give, and the naming opportunities that still exist.

Little Things That Mean A Lot

There are so many ways to make a difference at HSHV. It's important to remember that even the smallest gestures make a large impact. Here are some actions that add up!

Happy the Hamster: small, but mighty

⌘ We couldn't do what we do without your generous donations. Help us save on mailing costs and reduce our impact on the environment by signing up for HSHV email receipts. We can email you a pdf for your tax records. To sign up, please email development@hshv.org or visit http://hshv.convio.net/receipts.

⌘ Sign up for the HSHV e-newsletter at www.hshv.org. Forward to all your family and friends, asking them to do the same.

⌘ Make an HSHV impression - send a free HSHV greeting card the next time you would like to send birthday wishes or a Thank You note. (Go to **www.hshv.org** and select *Send an E-card* under *Quick Links*)

⌘ Do you know HSHV is on Facebook, Myspace and now you can follow us on Twitter @ HSHV? It's a fun way to stay up to date on shelter activities and news. Just sign up as an HSHV fan and suggest to your friends that they follow us too.

⌘ Sign up for an automatic monthly donation rather than receiving donation requests through the mail. Visit the donations section at www.hshv.org to start your monthly gift.

⌘ Did you adopt your pet from HSHV? We would love to share your "Happy Tail" with others. Please e-mail happytails@hshv.org to share your story and picture.

Customer Service: Humane Society Style!

That was the topic of a workshop taught to over 300 attendees at the 2009 Humane Society of United States Animal Care Expo in Las Vegas by our very own Executive Director, Tanya Hilgendorf. Animal shelters, often under-staffed and over-stressed, have historically struggled with customer service. In this workshop managers, board members and animal care workers alike from across the nation learned how HSHV transformed into a model of great service and why this service is so important, but also a unique challenge, for those charged with ensuring a happy, healthy life for the community's homeless animals.

Tanya providing great service to a "customer" needing a bath.

Upcoming Events

Save-the-Date:

1st Annual HSHV Purrfect Doggone Golf Scramble

Mark your calendars and join the HSHV for a fun-filled golf outing at Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea.

Friday, September 25th
Pierce Lake Golf Course
10 a.m. Shotgun Start
$100 per Golfer

For more information
and to register:www.hshv.org

Plan Now to Join Us:

HSHV Paws in the Park
Check out this new and exciting pet celebration! Plenty of "paws-on" activities for families and their pets. HSHV will host on-site adoptions.

Saturday & Sunday
August 22-23
Heritage Park in Canton
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information:
www.pawsintheparkusa.com

And Don't Forget...

June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month
(use the valuable coupon at right)

July 15-19th – Visit HSHV at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, located in the nonprofit section

August 15th – National Homeless Animals Day
(give one homeless pet a home: adopt from HSHV)

Clinic Corner

Guinea Pigs, Geckos & Rabbits – Oh My!!

Dr. Stacey Weinrick joined our Clinic staff in February 2009 and brings over 6 years of veterinary experience with exotic and small mammals with her. Small mammals and exotics include a range of pets that people care for, including hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, guinea pigs, iguanas, and geckos. A wonderful addition to the HSHV Clinic and it increases the variety of outpatient services we can offer the community. We took a few minutes with Dr. Weinrick to gather some more information about these interesting companions.

The small mammals and exotic pets we keep in our homes today are completely dependent on human caretakers for food, care, company and protection. These special pets merit the same status in pet society as their dog and cat counterparts including appropriate veterinary care.

Food & Habitat– Their diets can vary greatly, but keeping your little friend on a healthy diet is just one of the staples of good care. "It may come as a surprise to most people that exotic and pocket pets have special dietary and environmental needs," says Dr. Weinrick. "For example, reptiles require a controlled environment with regulated temperature and UV light. I've also learned with many pets we see, an illness is at least partially a result of how they are housed or fed."

Health - Because they are prey animals, small mammals have an even harder time communicating illness and pain. They are actually prone to hiding sickness and pain as part of their survival techniques. It is crucial that they are seen regularly for preventative health maintenance. How to best take care of your little friend? Dr. Weinrick recommends annual vet appointments. "Even if they

appear to be doing well, we sometimes find that they are not healthy after a vet exam."

The HSHV Clinic is more than happy to set up an appointment to discuss proper care, housing and diet for your "pocket" pet or exotic companion. Call 734-662-4365 to make an appointment for your exotic or "pocket" pet at the HSHV Clinic.

Did you know that the Humane Society of Huron Valley has a low cost veterinary clinic?

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The veterinary clinic at the Humane Society of Huron Valley offers a full range of veterinary medical and dental cleaning services, including low cost spay/neuter. You are welcome to bring your pet in for its annual exam, vaccinations, heartworm testing and prevention, flea and tick control, as well as for any other health care concerns that arise.

New Services Added - HSHV now cares for exotic and pocket pets!

All services are by appointment only.
Call: (734) 662-4365
Clinic Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 am until 6:00 pm
Saturday hours by appointment only.
Please Call to Schedule.

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$20 OFF
Cat Spay/Neuter
(usually $80 with this coupon only $60)
Must present coupon at time of appointment.
Offer expires 7-31-2009.

$10 OFF
Exotic Pet Exam
(usually $50 with this coupon only $40)
Must present coupon at time of appointment.
Offer expires 7-31-2009.

HSHV Volunteer Spotlight
Deb Salinas, "Jill-of-All-Trades" and a Volunteer with a Huge Heart!

Deb Salinas with her dog, Luci.

At an early age, Deb's parents taught her a respect for animals and their family pets. Her love of animals came from a childhood spent with many dogs, a rabbit, guinea pig, gerbils, turtle and fish. But of all her animal companions, dogs held a special bond for her. It wasn't until she became an adult that she developed a deep belief that dogs and cats (and all animals) need human advocates. We are certainly glad that Deb Salinas gives the homeless pets at the Humane Society of Huron Valley a much needed voice.

"I thought just maybe, one day, I would have a chance to help in more ways than by just writing a check," says Deb.

Deb quit her job of eleven years in the special event industry, moved from Texas, got married, and then she and her husband were transferred to Michigan all within about 14 months.

"Y'all - talk about culture shock! After moving to Canton I began searching for a place to volunteer. I was looking for something within my community. I thought, if I could work with animals that would be great! I attended an HSHV volunteer orientation in April 2003 and immediately began dog walking and helping in the office with data input. Since then I have cuddled cats, washed dogs, picked up canister donations, helped with fund-raising events, and provided a foster home. I've found that my work at HSHV is "it" for me. "It" is finding a purpose in life that is greater than self. My hours of volunteering have confirmed that purpose. It has been life changing as well as very rewarding. I am thankful everyday for the choice I made to become a volunteer at HSHV and for all that I have learned through my experiences and by working with all of our dedicated staff," says Deb.

Deb is also an HSHV greeter and can be found almost every Saturday in the late afternoon at the shelter. She enjoys talking to people about HSHV and pet adoptions so this job suits her well.

"It is a rewarding feeling when I've worked through the selection process of matching just the right pet with a family. These families are so thankful to the volunteers and staff that are attentive and helpful during this process. It is heartwarming too, to watch so many of our shelter animals leave us and go to new homes on any given Saturday," explains Deb about her volunteer experience.

Being a resident of Canton, Deb also plays a big the role in community outreach by communicating HSHV's role as Canton's local animal shelter. She spreads the word to residents, the business community and township leaders about what a great asset HSHV is to Canton township. "I have taken many opportunities to talk about the new facility that is under construction. Even though our current shelter is decades old it is surprising to hear that they had no clue that HSHV exists and that it is so close to Canton," says Deb.

Deb and her husband, Israel, have three dogs – all Chihuahuas. Señor Pepé was adopted from HSHV five years ago. At that time he was considered 10-12 years old, but today he is still full of energy but mostly likes to snuggle under a blanket according to Deb. Princesa Lucia, or Luci is almost five. She keeps the Salinases on their toes! She and Deb have attended many training classes together. She has earned her Canine Good Citizen certificate and is super at agility. Mi Amigito - Chico for short, was adopted from HSHV last year after several months of being fostered by Deb. "They are great little companions and enjoy traveling by car. We take our Chi's with us to Florida every winter to thaw out for a couple months – they love sunbathing in the Florida sun," says Deb.

In her time not spent volunteering at HSHV, Deb enjoys yoga, walking with her dogs and working in her garden. Deb and her husband also enjoy travelling and enjoy American History trips and adventure travel. "Some of our favorite trips have been hiking in the Canadian Rockies, biking in Vermont, and sailing in the Grenadines," says Deb.

Amazing Cat Rescue
It Took a Village!

After being stuck on top of a 45-foot utility pole in Milan for 4 days, a black and white cat, now named Nina, is warm, safe, and dry and has been adopted by the Milan resident who initially called HSHV to report that the cat was on top of the pole and wasn't coming down on its own.

"Cats will often run up a tree or a pole in flight from a predator. But they can usually get themselves down again. They just need to get hungry enough. Obviously it takes more courage and more skill to go down than it does to go up. Because we know they can get down and because going up after them can cause them to fall we prefer to let them come down on their own. In this particular situation the cat wanted to come down, but just couldn't muster the courage to do it," said Julie Curtis, the head of HSHV's Animal Rescue and Cruelty Investigation Department.

The neighbors were all wonderful, including Milan's Schultz Motors. They were all very concerned for the cat and kept close tabs on how she was doing. They even made sure to keep their dogs inside so as not to scare the cat in hopes she would eventually come down.

HSHV also kept an eye on the cat and tried to wait her out, but on day 3 decided to take more serious action and started calling tree service companies. "We had trouble finding a company willing to help, but on the morning of day 4, after one call to Ann Arbor's McFarland Tree Service we had a community partner willing to rescue the cat," said Tanya Hilgendorf, Executive Director.

When the employee in the lift from McFarland's got close to the cat, she was so happy to be rescued that she actually jumped into his arms. The cat was taken to the Humane Society of Huron Valley and although a bit hungry was no worse for the wear. "Everyone here at McFarland's was grateful we had the time to help the Humane Society, and it was the right thing to do," said Sherry Keeney, owner of McFarland's Tree Service.

"We are so relieved that this cat is okay and has a new home, and we are very grateful to all the compassionate people in the neighborhood and to the generosity of McFarland Tree Service for ensuring a happy ending," said Hilgendorf.

HSHV's Lost & Found

HSHV now offers a web-page dedicated to assisting community members that have lost or found a pet in Washtenaw County, Canton and Plymouth. This service was established so that people have one specific place to post information, and one dedicated place for people in these areas to check for pets that have strayed from home.

You should also file a lost pet report with HSHV by calling us at (734) 662-5585. We recommend that you come in person to HSHV at least every other day to check for your lost pet.

For security purposes, we ask that you register in order to post any reports. However, on the registration page you have the option to opt out of any further e-mail communication from HSHV. We will never give away, sell, or trade your information to anyone else.

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Lost & Found
Lost Cats
Lost Dogs
Lost Others
Found Cats
Found Dogs
Found Others
Lost Cats
Below is a listing of lost cats who have strayed away from their home. If you have found a cat in Washtenaw County, Canton or Plymouth, there's a chance that its owner may have posted information about the cat here.
PLEASE NOTE: HSHV does not have information about the cats listed here. This site is only offered as a tool for our community members who need help in finding a lost pet.
Post Your Lost Cat Information
IMPORTANT:
You should also file a lost cat report with HSHV by calling us at (734) 662-5585. We recommend that you come in person to HSHV at least every other day to check for your lost cat.
SAMPLE
WEB-SITE
Warning! Sometimes unfriendly citizens use these types of websites to prey on people. HSHV urges you to use caution if you are contacted by someone claiming to have found your pet and asks you for a reward in exchange for the animal. This is a common con and should be reported to your local law enforcement.

Go to:
hshv.convio.net/lostandfound

Special Gifts

The following is a list of gifts made between February 1 – March 31, 2009 to the Humane Society of Huron Valley in memory or honor of family, friends, and pets. We express our sincere thanks for these tributes. Gifts received after March 31, 2009 will be acknowledged in our next issue of Shelter Life. Please accept our apologies for any unintentional errors or omissions. For corrections, please notify us at 734.661.3530 or donations@hshv.org.

People Honoraria

In Honor of...

Amanda Dale Smith from Claudiu Coltea
Amanda Metcalf from Justin Van Aken
Basil Babcock: happy birthday! from Shauna Babcock and Gary Snyderman
Brennan & Claire Leson from Lexie Bopp
Candis Stern from Melanie Hoff
Chris Dronen from Marci Hannewald
Chris Ossenmacher: happy birthday! from Ryan and Becky Ossenmacher
Chris Zavrel from Nancy Zavrel
David Milner from Bonnie Wilkinson
Denise Ballou from JoAnn Edwards
Diane Hill from Stephen Hill
Eric Apollo from Sharon Apollo
Jennifer L. Smith from Laurie Shaw-Smith
Jess Norris: happy birthday!
from Debra and Kevin Michaels
from Elaine Hebda-Bauer and Charles Bauer
from Ted and Penny Norris
Jim Williston from Bethany Williston
John Koselka from Suzanne DeVine
Julie A. Douglas from Diana Kern
June Kureth from Anne Linn
Justin Worsham from JoAnn Edwards
Katie and Tom McGrath from Jim and Carol Teener
Katy Downs from Mary Murphy
Kirsten Meidlinger from Julie Meidlinger
Marit Alsager from Rita and Mark Helquist
Michael Chaffee and his cat Abby from Susan Kornfield
Michaela Landman: Happy birthday!
from Annette Walker
from Doug and Tara Parks
from Joseph Landman and Sofia Villanueva
from Lori and Jerome Teevens
Minto Olof from Donald and Diane Miller
Ron Sussman from Mickie Dobrusin
Sally Peiter from Judy and Charles Koenn
Sarah Osborn from Nathaniel Osborn
Sarah Yoder from David Wozniak
Scott Stevens from Nicole Dettmer
Tanya Hilgendorf from Molly Resnik
Their wedding guests from Abby Holland and Michael Hoenerhoff
Their wedding guests from Heather Strauss and Benjamin Stubbs
Tim Kohn from Erika Levin
Tyler & Trevor Searls from Lexie Bopp

People Memorium

In Memory of...

Angeline Giovannini from Elaine Rosenthal
Anne Blackman from Carola Grubbs
Anne Burns: a wonderful friend and neighbor who will be greatly missed from Sue and Dave Rocker
Crystal Impola
from Barry Novess
from Glenn and Joyce Weir
from James Lancioni and Susan Ogden
from Jane and Mark Creswell
from Kathleen Phinney
Crystal Impola (continued)
from Marjorie Hepburn
from Mike Roskowski
from Rick and Elizabeth Cornell
Dale Francis Laginess from the Ann Arbor Country Club
Donald Robinson from Frederick and Catherine Miller
Dorothy Wise: Super sharp loving mother and mother-in-law of volunteers Larry and Mary Wise
from Charlene and Eugene Axelrod
Douglas Thibeault
from Pat Wood
from Richard and Arlene Gilloz
from Richard and Marcy Bollinger
from Sandi and Robert Doolin
Edwina Flinn from George and Nancy Hewens
Elaine Olson
from Chester Francke
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from Steven and Ann Blankenstein
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George Eisenberg from the Staff of Outpatient Oncology
George Linn
from Barbara Schueler
from Daniel and Mary Gray
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from Eric and Sharon Apollo
from Janet and Ross Nord
from June Kureth
from Miriam Chapman
from Richard and Susan Binder
from Sally and Douglas Smith
from Willard and Beatrice Otis
Jack Kaufman from Elaine Rosenthal
Janet Going
from Beatrice and William Stephen
from Doris Maleski
from Erwin and Barbara Hochrein
from Esther Kerr
from Frances and Kathleen York
from Howard and Norma Weaver
from Jan Knope
from Jerald and Grace Brand
from John and Thelma Tucker
from Julia Van Aken
from Larry Stalker
from Lillian Frye
from Lois and Robert Mayne
from Lynette and Joe Egan
from Randy Miller
from Richard and Dianne Fowler
from Richard and Nancy Niethammer
from Robert and Karen Murphy
from Robert and Wilma Burrows
from Susan and Martin Walsh
from the Dexter Vintage Car Club
from the Schmidt kids
from Tom and Terri Eder
John Mersereau
from Cozette Grabb
from David and Sally Kennedy
from Dexter Mill
Joyce Head
from Charles and Margaret Cooper
from Ruth Richards
Katie Briggs from Karen and Arthur Lindenberg
Knud Hansen from Pamela Wilson
Lucile Holtz
from Bettina Zaar
from Cynthia Mortensen
from Ernest and Linda Schenk
from her loved ones
from Jeff and Kathleen Von Voigtlander
from Joan Weber
from Kevin and Laurie Wicks
from Kristen Strauss
from Margaret Smith
from Marian Johnson
from Michael and Danielle Baitinger
from Phillip and Ann Davidson
from Sally Cushing
Lucile Holtz (continued)
from Sy and Anne Goldstein
from Tim Compton
Mabel Cobane from Adelaide Anderson
Margaret Wenzel from Alice Sano-Teachout

Friendship Garden Plaques

General Fischer
He gave us 10 1/2 years
of unconditional love
Debra and James Fischer

In Honor of Rosie & Sarah
For giving us 18 years of
Love & Joy
Carol & Tom

Moose
In Our Hearts Forever
The Keller Family

Visit www.hshv.org for information about our Friendship Garden.

Marian Carter
from David and Gretchen Shipley
from Janann and Walter Godek
from Nancy and Paul Godek
Marion Shipman-Cummins from Katie Sanford
Mary Conley from the Washtenaw County OBRA Team
Michelle Martinico from Gary and Jane Sierpien
Opal Deaton
from Barry Fuller
from Brent Royal
from Carol Bucata
from Charles Mack
from Cheryl and Donald Benham
from Cheryl Greene
from Clyde and Faye Barnes
from Eleanor Charlton
from Gertrude Bohms
from Heather and Kurin Lambert
from James and Betty Johnston
from James Curran
from Jan and Robert Anschuetz
from Kimal and Sharon Khoury
from Larry Connaghan and family
from M. J. Sorgen
from Mable Webb
from Margaret Dean
from Michael Ladley
from Morell and Carolyn Boone
from Rex and Phyllis Timbs
from Richard and Barbara Robb
from Teresa Barnes
from Thomas and Debra Power
from Violet and George Khoury
Penny Wenzel
from Barbara Daniel
from Joe and Johanne Simone, and Jackie Groskcos
Phillip Smith from Jane and John Schneider
Rafael Suarez
from Cynthia White
from Kimberly Nash and Geana Kay
Richard Friend
from Alvin and Evelyn Stevens
from Carol Bowers and Harry Drury
from Mary June and Manuel Norman
from Paul and Beatrice Kuwik
from Richard and Margaret Roberts
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from Suzanne Bradley, M.D.
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from Charles and Karla Beatty
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from Douglass and Doris Nowling
from Gerri and John Anderson
from Gwen and Tom Guthrie
from Herbert Schock
from James and Bradford Bush
from Joette and Russell Ward
from John and Helen Rushing
from John and Vickie Nowling
from John Dugas
from Katherine Gibson
from Kelly Powers
from Linda Dillion
from Margaret and James Young
from Marilyn and James Ney
from Patrick Smith
from Ronald and Evelyn Griffin
from Rose Nichols
from the Ypsilanti Police Department
from William and Janis Riley
Starr Kohn
from Celia Kistler
from J. Michael Meade
from Andrew and Kimberly Emmert
from Angela Larson
from April Rossmann
from Barbara and Louis Cruzen
from Benjamin and Frances Wylie
from Charles and Nancy Van Deusen
from Daniel Fredendall and Martha Foley
from Diane and Edward Lindow
from Fred and Lowella Maurer
from Gerard and Suzanne Madej
from James Knight
from Jodie Tedesco
from John and Debra Hiltz
from John Anderson
from John Naughton
from Larry and Cheryl Hieber
from Larry Hiltunen
from Lee and Mary Fahrner
from Margaret Werth
from Marie and Don Alexander
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from Mary Kirby
from Michael and Kathy Ruth
from Michael Craine
from Nancy Trotter
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Vina Ransom
from A.L. and Carolyn Witbart
from Alan and Rosie Fellhauer
from Alice Allstetter
from Bruce and Betty Hammond
from Daniel and Elizabeth Rauser
from Deborah and Howard Knight
from Debra Wilcox
from Donald and Inge Roome
from Donald and Leslie Ransom
from Edward and Cynthia Swope
from Jim and Alia LeBaron
from Linda and William VanDusen
from Marc and Michelle Littleson
from Mary and Harvey Greenleaf
from Mary Martin
from Peggy Ann Kimosinski
Vina Ransom
from Richard and Sally Edwards
from Ronald and Elizabeth Clark
from Roy and Shirley Kruger
from Russell and Hilda Wanty
from Thomas and Joan Smetka
Virginia D. Argenbright from Toula and David Jacobson

New and Renewed Cage Sponsorships

Good food, a soft blanket, a special treat -- these small things mean a great deal to the dog or cat whose new temporary home is our shelter. Thank you to our Cage Sponsors for providing a source of comfort that every animal deserves.

Barrett Paving Materials
Sharon and Eric Apollo
James & Laura Compton: *In memory of Rocky*
Donna King
Richard Niezgoda
The Tighe Family

Visit www.hshv.org for information on becoming a Cage Sponsor.

Vivian Domenick
from Donna and Pat May
from Leonard and Veronica Domenick
from Linda Young
from Michael and Denise Przybylski
from Diane and Thomas Silkworth
William Bolgos from Joanne Meyer
William Porter from Casey Coy

Pet Memorium

In Memory of...

Albert: Thanks for being a great friend to my sister. You will be missed.
from Fran Campbell
Baby from Katherine Lewit
Brutus and Muffin from Rekha Bhise
Casey from Cynthia Perrin
Cody from Ann and David Wood
Crumpet from Susan Bahnsen
Daisy from Donna Gauss
Dugan from Debbie Kovacevich
Hope and Tina from Deborah and Thomas Benell
Jessie Fazio from Judith Pavitt
Josephine from Virginia Nagle
Kody: For 12 years of devotion from Jerry and Mary Waldyke
Lucy from Carl and Sharon Osojnak
Meiko the Cat: 1997-2009 from Gail and Tom Honeycutt
Midnight from Carol and Donald Chisholm
Nigel from Gary and Carolyn McKeever
Nina from Jeremy Rosenberg
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Sampson from Wellington Tsai
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Shadow from Mary Helene Chrisman
Sugar Bear Govus and Zoe Baldori from Daphne Briggs
Sunshine from Janice Tuckett
Tosca: For Liza, in memory of Tosca, from your pet-loving friends
William: my beloved cat who won the hearts of many from Margaret Porter

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Second to None, Inc.
Summers Knoll Elementary School
The Charity GivingStation
The Galt Company
TLC Eye Care & Laser Centers
Toyota Technical Center
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Teaching Your Kitten the Polite Rules of Play

Helen DePinto, HSHV's Director of Behavior Programs

Play-motivated aggressive behaviors are common in young, active cats less than two years of age. Kittens like to explore new areas and investigate anything that moves, and may bat at, pounce on and bite objects that resemble prey.

A kitten that is separated from her family too early may play more roughly than a kitten that that has had more valuable family time. In addition, if humans play with a young kitten using their hands and/or feet instead of toys, the kitten is liable to learn that rough play with people is okay. In most cases, it's possible to teach your kitten or young adult cat that rough play isn't acceptable behavior. It's important to note that none of these methods will be very effective unless you also give your kitten acceptable outlets for her energy, by playing with the kitty regularly using appropriate toys.

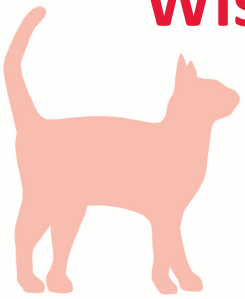
Encourage Acceptable Behavior
Redirect your kitten's aggressive behavior onto acceptable objects like toys. Drag a toy along the floor to encourage your kitten to pounce on it, or throw a toy away from your kitten to give her even more exercise chasing the toy down.

Discourage Unacceptable Behavior
You need to set the rules for your kitten's behavior, and every person your cat comes in contact with should reinforce these rules.
Use aversives to discourage your kitten from nipping by using by using a squirt bottle. To use this technique effectively, you'll always need to have the spray bottle or can handy and use immediately after rough play.

Redirect the behavior after using the aversive. After you startle your kitten with the aversive, IMMEDIATELY offer her a toy to wrestle with or to chase. This will encourage her to direct her rough play onto a toy instead of a person. Keep a stash of toys hidden in each room specifically for this purpose.

What Not to Do
Do not tap, flick or hit your kitten for rough play. Your kitten could become afraid of your hands, or she could interpret those flicks as playful moves by you and play even more roughly as a result. Picking up your kitten to put her into a "timeout" could reinforce her behavior because she probably enjoys the physical contact of being picked up.

Wish List



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Happy "Tails" from Recent Adoptions

Calista (now Rose)

We have had Calista (now Rose) for just under a week. Daisy, my other Australian Cattle Dog, and Rose are inseparable. Rose has learned where to go outside, that she must sit politely for treats, dinners and to have her leash attached for walks, and has learned both "down" and "off". I am so happy that she has joined our family. Thank you for the opportunity to share this wonderful little girl's life!
-The Chandlers

Hudson (now Lior)

I adopted Hudson (now named Lior). From the first day Lior came home, he was much less timid than I thought he might be – he popped right out of his carrier and started exploring the apartment and from that point on it's been a pleasure to have him at home. He likes playing with the Cat Dancer, listening to the birds and the cars passing outside from his perch on the yellow chair in front of the window, having his neck scratched, and taking naps. A month on, it's hard to imagine being at home without him. Thanks for taking care of him.
-Sara Blumenstein

Tina (now Agie)

Agie adopted us in mid-December after spending several months in foster with Dan and "Big Daddy" (where she was known as Tina). She is the cutest thing (as cute as 90 lbs can be) and became a member of our family immediately. She's a lab/mastiff/Newfoundland mix and loves the snow and water (she got into the shower with me about a month ago – good lesson to make sure the door is all the way closed!) and has brought great joy to our house and hearts. Thanks HSHV! Here is Agie last week on what we think is her first birthday (2/27/09). We're wishing many, many more!
-Matt & Kathy Collins

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